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1. After July 1942, the 132nd Separate Reconnaissance Squadron (Otdelnaya Razvedovatel'naya Eskadrilya), until then located at Aginski Dotsan, Chita Oblast, became part of the 541st Air Regiment, now located in Dairen, Korea. CO of the 132nd SHS was Major Nikitin; second in command was Major Mironov.

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3. The Dosav Central Glider School (Tsentral'naya Planernaya Shkola) is located near the village of Planernaya, in the neighborhood of Stary Krym, Ukraine. Headquarters of the school was to be moved to Feodosiya as soon as the building to accommodate the school was refitted. The school uses various types of gliders. [redacted] it was expecting to receive a flight of YAK-18 (new type) planes for the training of demobilized pilots.

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4. [redacted] in order to hold military personnel in the service, particularly those in demand, units (with the support of the Party organizations) discourage requests for demobilization by threats of expulsion from the Party. Transport pilots, in particular, request discharges because civil aviation offers lucrative jobs (salaries between 5,000 and 6,000 rubles per month).

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5. In 1947, an infantry division in the Borz'ya region received orders to train for airborne operations. [redacted] the equipment of this unit is poor and the morale of the troops not good; the troops are of Russian origin. The division consists of three regiments with heavy mortars of various types, light mortars, 75mm field artillery, but no aircraft of its own. It depends on a transport unit (similar to USAF MATS) for air operations and training. The division is made up of squads of 13 men.

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6. The following troops are stationed in eastern Siberia:

Ulan Ude: Divisional artillery
Tank regiment (maintains skeleton crews)
Officers' school

Nerchinsk: 1 infantry regiment, commanded by a colonel
1 tank regiment

Kuibyshevka Vostochnaya: Infantry headquarters, unit number not known.

77th Razyezd: 1 tank regiment (T-31 and IS tanks)
1 SU-100 self-propelled artillery unit. This unit, stationed one kilometer from the military airfield at the 77th Razyezd, was transferred from the Far East, where it had served during the war.

Olovyannaya: Anti-aircraft unit
Searchlight company
Ground forces are well supplied with trucks.

Tsegulovski Dotsan: Anti-aircraft unit

Ulan Bator: Mongolian troops. [] the troops are poor and have poor equipment. Mongolian pilots are trained at Chkalov. Feeling between Russian and Mongolian officers is bad and the latter know that they are considered inferior by the Russians.

Borzya: Air division commanded by Gen. Turenko.

7. Airfields*

<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Defenses</u>	<u>Units and Personnel</u>	<u>Types of Aircraft</u>	<u>Number</u>
Ulan Ude	5km SW of town	1200 x 900 meters	none now	1 air transport regt. and supply komendatura	LI-2 IL-12 C-47 US	30 1 1
Bada	Approx. 3 km NE of the RR	1500 x 900 meters	#	2 aviation service Bns, 1 bomber division	PE-2	100
Domna	500 m N of Domna	1500 x 900 meters	#	1 air service bn, 1 fighter regt.	YAK-7	30
111th Razyezd	1 km NE of 111th Razyezd	1800 x 900 meters	#	1 air service bn, 1 air attack regt.	IL-2) IL-10)	30 ea.
Tsagan-Solot	12km SW of 111th Razyezd	1100 x 700 meters	none	unknown	unknown	unknown
77th Razyezd	3km E of 77th Razyezd	1200 x 900 meters	none	1 service bn, 1 attack div.	YAK-7) YAK-3)	100 total
Kuibyshevka Vostochnaya	3km SE of Kuibyshevka	2 landing strips		1 service bn, Hq. of AF Unit	unknown	unknown
Pozdeyevka	2km N of Pozdeyevka	1 strip		unknown	IL-4	unknown
Vozzhayevka	N of Vozzhayevka	1200 x 900 meters		unknown	IL-4	unknown

No defenses at present time. Set up only in case of war.

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8. The following airfields are located along the railroad. They are not used at present but are held in reserve in case of hostilities. All were used in the war [redacted]

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Dzhida	Bada	Nerchinsk
Ozero Nozhy	Mukhor Shabir	Gusinskoye Ozero
Ikhi Tsagan Nor	Chendant 1st	Sadovoi Zavod
Khait Aga	" 2nd	Selenginskaya Duma
Aginski Dotsan	" Stary (old)	(Selenduma)

9. In Feodosiya, Crimea, in 1949, [redacted] 10-12 blockhouses on the eastern side of the town. They were built into the base of a mountain. 50X1-HUM

10. The Olovyannaya-Borzya area (an area better known as Malenkaya Manzhurka - Little Manchuria) is a vast field of trenches and installations left over from World War II.

11. There are quartermaster and ordnance installations in Khabarovsk. At Kadala, approximately 8 km SW of Chita, there are large military depots under heavy guard. The Chita garrison's depots are in the Krasniye Kazarmy (Red Barracks) in Chita.

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12. [redacted] two types of radar equipment, the "Redut" and the "Pegmatit".

A smaller type, somewhat like a radio receiving set, is also used; the screen for the latter is placed in a very dark room, with the power unit (10-12 HP motor) placed outdoors to eliminate the noise. In Chita II, [redacted]

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radar equipment mounted on Studebaker trucks and trailers. This equipment was of the large type believed to be for aircraft detection.

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[redacted] this equipment is kept in storage, in "mothballs", and is not for the defense of the town. It seemed to be in good condition.

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In Borzya [redacted] radar of a stationary type on the hill on the east side of the airfield. [redacted] this equipment was needed because of

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the fighter air division and the tank regiment stationed there and also because of an important bridge which crosses the Olovyannaya River. [redacted]

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[redacted] radar equipment is being installed in the strategic town of Kailar (Hailar), Mongolia.

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13. Telephone types UNAI (Universal) and UNAF are used in the military service.

US type field phones also are used extensively. Ground cables function well up to 40-50 kilometers, cables stretched on poles up to 100 km, super cables (fixed and well maintained) up to 200 km. Dialing between military units is conducted through the central switch of the particular unit. [redacted]

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14. Seaplanes are of an old type and the naval air arm based in the Crimea favors the use of land-based aircraft, including MRK-2s, Bostons, IL-4s, and YAK-7s and 9s. [redacted] 1A-5s, 7s, and 9s and Cobras in Sevastopol in 1949. [redacted]

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15. The following officers of the 12th Air Army were identified [redacted]

Commanding General, 12th Air Army: Lt. Gen. Slyusarev
 Deputy Commander for Flight Training: Maj. Gen. Tokarev
 Deputy Commander for Political Affairs: Col. Loban
 Chief of Combat Training: Col. Avdonin
 Chief of Air Attack Division: Col. Gumarenko
 Chief of Air Fighter Division: Maj. Gen. Murenko
 Regimental Commanders: Lt. Col. Sysoyev

Col. Chaiko

Maj. Nikitin

Deputy Commanders of Air regiments for Flight Matters: Maj. Mironov

Maj. Isakyan

Maj. Ponamarev

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Regimental Commander (in west): Col. Gruzlov
(sic; Kom. polka (na zapade))
Chief of Staff of Air Regiment (in west): Col. Dunayev
Squadron Commanders: Maj. Malovaty
Maj. Akulov
Maj. Lupanov

Capt. Sorokin
Sr. Lt. Slisboroshvili
Sr. Lt. Gulbadashvili
Group (otryad): Lt. Zakrividoroga
Lt. Parashchenko

Sr. Lt. Prokofev
Sr. Lt. Taktayev
Capt. Sinitsyn
Squad Commanders: Lt. Sergiyenko
Lt. Neverov
Lt. Maiorenko

Pilots: Lt. Losarev
Lt. Kuzkin
Lt. Kozlov
Lt. Akulenko
Lt. Kopov
Lt. Yevmenov
Lt. Ageyev
Sr. Lt. Maksimov
Lt. Tunkin or Tunkin
Lt. Nazarov
Lt. Kmoshkin
Lt. Titov
Jr. Lt. Shishchonkov
Jr. Lt. Baitsov
Lt. Naismetdinov

Navigators of Air Divisions: Capt. Tretyak
Capt. Kogan
Capt. Andriyashkin
Sr. Lt. Morozov
Sr. Lt. Dedov

Navigators of Groups (otryad): Sr. Lt. Kolesnik
Sr. Lt. Tomas-Mart
Capt. Lagtikov
Sr. Lt. Drogokin

Navigators: Lt. Bubnov
Lt. Shishko
Lt. Voloshkin
Lt. Matveyev

Group technicians: Sr. Lt. Martynov
Sr. Lt. Sukmanov

Political workers: Capt. Zakharov (Partorg, Air Regiment)
Lt. Col. Yakovlev (Deputy CO, Air Regiment)
Maj. Guginov (lecturer of political section)
Lt. Col. Petrosov (Deputy CO, Air Regiment)
Lt. Col. Guginenko (Deputy CO, Air Regiment)
Lt. Col. Zverev
Capt. Shagunov (Komsomol, Air Division)

16. The following abbreviations are used in the Soviet Air Force:

- a. ОТДЛ = Отдельный Транспортный Авиационный Полк
Transportation Section of Aviation Regiment
- b. БАО = Батальон Авиационного Обслуживания
Aviation Service Battalion
- c. ИАП = Истребительный Авиационный Полк
Aviation Fighter Regiment

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- d. ВАН = Бомбардировочный Авиационный Полк
Aviation Bombing Regiment
- e. ВАН = Разведывательный Авиационный Полк
Aviation Intelligence Regiment
- f. ВАН = Штурмовой Авиационный Полк
Aviation Attack Regiment
- g. ВАН = Бомбардировочная Авиационная Дивизия
Aviation Bombing Division
- h. ВАН = Штурмовая Авиационная Дивизия
Aviation Attack Division
- i. ВАН = Истребительная Авиационная Дивизия
Aviation Fighter Division

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